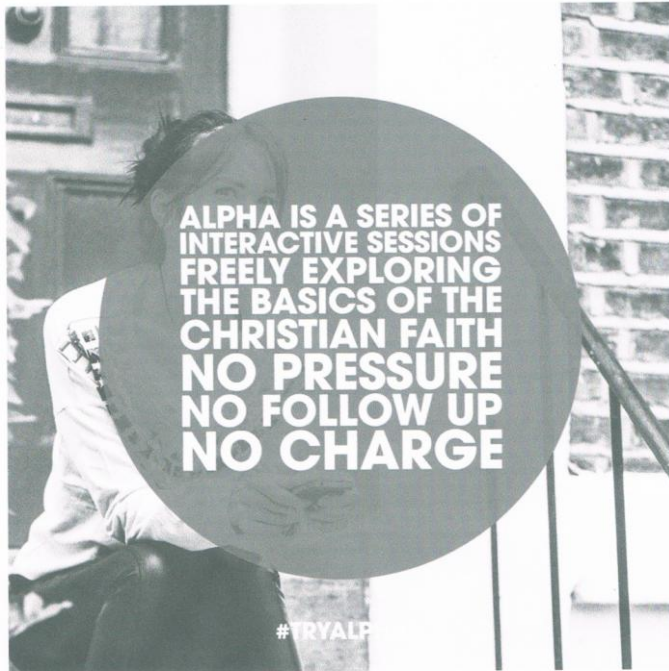
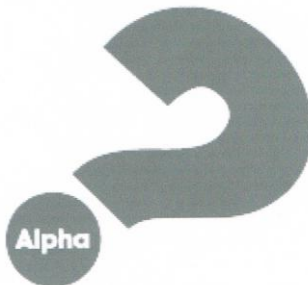


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January Blues...

I have to confess I find something to like in all the seasons. I simply love the bursting forth of life in Spring. The fresh greens of new leaves and the warming light of the Spring Sun. Long summer days where the sun shines long into the night are great. Autumn with its tints of yellow, red and gold is inspirational. I even like the crisp frosty days of winter with a wonderfully clean yet weak quality to the light.

January, however, has to be my least favourite month. It just seems to stagnate. Dark mornings, grim days, overcast skies seem to mark January out. We may be passed the shortest days but December days almost seem preferable to those in January.

It is such a long month as well or at least it seems to be! At 31 days it is no longer than the March, May, July, August, October and December but January days do seem to drag by. Perhaps it is the dark mornings robbing the month of any brightness. Or is it the grey skies that simply oppress our spirit? The festivities and lights of Christmas are past and there is not a great deal to look forward to not least until we turn the corner of winter and Spring beckons on.

And yes Christmas, there is another story. It is a time of indulgence and perhaps we have just over indulged and the overdraft or credit card bill is just catching up with us. January pay day always seems longer in coming than any other pay day!

Search for January blues on the internet and you will get a plethora of information. Most of which will point in the direction of a lack of strong sunlight being the causative factor. We need the sunlight in order to produce the precursors to the good or “happy” chemicals in our brains. Though serotonin, dopamine and melatonin are more than happy pills they are collectively responsible for our feel good factor. You will also find plenty of advice; from diet, taking vitamin supplements to exercising more. Perhaps the best solution is a wee winter migration to sunnier climes... ah if only my wife wasn't a teacher! None of that negates the fact that January seems a seemingly long dismal month without much cheer!

All that got me thinking though. If it is all about light and the lack of it what about God's light? How can that have a positive influence on our lives? God's light is quite different from sunlight or indeed any other light source. Physical light is seen. It is light or dark or somewhere in between. Whereas the light of God is not seen at least not directly. Yet physical light and God's light have some similarities. Both are energy and power and both are warming, one to the body the other to the heart.

This talk of God's light might be confusing you. Where do I get it from? Has the minister finally lost his marbles?

The Bible is consistent is talking about light and dark and where it talks about light it is talking about God. Jesus is referred to as the one who brings light to mankind and he himself claimed to be "the light of the world". This light, God's light is said to be the "light of life". Light is also attributed to being the very nature of God, "God is light". And the nature of that light is revealed when God, in an equally emphatic statement, is said to be "love". So "God is light" and "God is love". God is also Spirit. Have I lost you yet? It is for these reasons that we often speak (or sing) of the light of God's love. God's light is love, his all encompassing, ever searching, compassionate and empowering love. And it is in knowing or experiencing that love that we know God.

God's light or God's love – they are the same – illuminates our life. Shining into the dark places and the dark times just as sunlight lights up the dull days of winter. God's love melts our hearts and warms our souls just as the rays of Spring sunshine melts the ice of winter and warms our bodies.

So how do we find this light, this love of God? Well not by hiding away in a dark place or by walking in the shadows. How do you experience sunshine? You get out in it, walk about in it, even 'bathe' in it. It is the same with God and his light, love, grace and power. Simply get out there and walk in it and bathe in the light of God's love. Only thing is because God is Spirit you need to bathe in or expose yourself to His Spirit. That is not as difficult as it sounds. Just ask Jesus to shine his love into your heart. You might be surprised at the result.

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THE SCOTS NIGHT

The fellowship team would like to thank everyone in any way to the success of the night.

A delicious meal was served by the team and helpers followed by entertainment by "Music Box ", back for a second year.

A grand total of £960 was raised on the night for the hall development fund.

Again many thanks to everyone.

The Church Whist Drive

£719-05p was raised at the whist drive on Friday 17th January .The money will go to the hall development fund. Thanks to everyone who came along. The prize winners were Pink card 1st Greta Morton 2nd Jean Robertson 3rd Dorothy Harwell 4th Irene Currans 5th Anne Borthwick Consolation Nora Shanks
White cards 1st Jean Spiers 2nd William Golding 3rd Drew Jackson 4th Pat Parkin 5th Charlotte Thomson Consolation Joe Davis

The Garden Club

The first meeting of 2014 was our AGM, and as usual we combined it with a Burns Supper which was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Nan, Norma and Aileen for preparing the haggis, neeps and tatties!

President Mrs Jean Taylor then chaired the AGM. It was obvious from the state of the finances that we would be unable to continue for long – **we need new members!**

We will be able to have meetings until the summer break, and we will reconsider our position after that. All members are asked to try to encourage friends to come along – it will be sad if we have to fold after 25 years.

Anyone interested in joining us please call Norma Barr (01355 500288) or Irene Couper (01560 600520).

The Fulton Club

We enjoyed some games of dominoes and bowls at our first meeting of the new year on January 8th Thanks to Hugh and Bill for ‘overseeing’ the bowling, and also to Rhoda ad Adele for organising the tea and cakes.

Our next meeting, at 2pm on Wednesday 5th February, will be our AGM, This will be followed by a Beetle Drive.

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Moscow Rural

On 2nd December president Margaret Donaldson welcomed members to the last meeting for 2013.

The speaker was Mr Ron Swanson from Centrestage who gave an excellent talk on how Centrestage became into being started by Fiona McKenzie and Paul Mathieson and has gone on from strength to strength encouraging people of all ages and abilities to take part.

Mr Swanson judged the competitions resulting in Favourite Christmas tree decoration, 1st Anne Borthwick, 2nd Mary Montgomrie, 3rd Catherine McInnes. 3

Shortbread biscuits, 1st Lily Watson 2nd Moira Young, 3rd Catherine McInnes.

Hostesses were Catherine Barr and Elsie Notman, and vote of thanks was given by Helen Green. Next meeting is on Monday 6th Jan at 2pm in the Hogg Hall a talk by Charles Sim on Fairtrade and competitions are Piece of Christmas Cake and most words out of "Moscow Rural"

The Rural held their first meeting of the new year in the afternoon of 6th Jan. in the Hogg Hall Galston. Members were greeted with ginger wine and shortbread. after which President Margaret Donaldson wished all a happy and healthy new year, the rural song was sung and minutes read. Margaret invited Charles Sim to judge the competitions resulting in a piece of Christmas cake 1st Mary Montgomrie, 2nd Moira Young 3rd Lily Watson. The competition for most words from Moscow Rural will be announced at next meeting.

Charles Sim gave an informative talk and film show on World Poverty and Fairtrade encouraging us all to buy Fairtrade products.

Hostesses were Mary Montgomrie and Agnes Gibson and the vote of thanks was given by Myra Seton.

Next meeting is on 3rd.Feb.in Hogg Hall at 7.30pm.

A date for your diary the catered afternoon whist drive is on 12th Feb. at 2pm in Fenwick Church Hall all welcome anyone wishing to come or take a table phone Catherine on 700283

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Fenwick Rural

President Moira Anderson welcomed everyone to the meeting on Thursday 12th December. Karon Greive gave a very good talk about herbs and gave us a lot of good tips on how to use them. She also judged the competitions. Points-3 Mince pies-1st Margaret Dykes 2nd Maureen Rodger 3rd Jean Speirs. Prize-Favourite Christmas Verse-1st Norma Barr 2nd Moira Scott 3rd Annette Dickerson. Sylvia McCutcheon memorial rosebowl-Christmas Punch 1st Norma Barr 2nd Nan Tivendale. Hostesses-Nancy Harrison and Irene Couper. Annette Dickerson gave the vote of thanks. We visited Dewaldens Garden centre on Tuesday 3rd December where we all enjoyed shopping and a lovely supper. Thanks to Craig, Diane and staff for making us so welcome. The next meeting is on Thursday 13th February 2014. Novelty Cakes-Moira Gemmell. Competitions-Points-A decorated digestive biscuit Prize-An item beginning with K. The Afternoon whist drive is on Wednesday 19th February 2014. Names for tables to Irene Couper (01560600520) or any committee member.

President Moira Anderson welcomed everyone to the first meeting in 2014 on Thursday 9th January. Margo Graham gave a talk about 100 years of lace. She showed a DVD from the MYB textile mill in Newmilns showing how lace is made and told us about the lace being used in some films. She judged the competitions Points-Handmade traycloth (any craft) 1st Helen McFadzean 2nd Dorothy Baillie 3rd May Templeton Prize-Pretty Handkerchief 1st Flo Oliver 2nd Nancy Harrison 3rd Edith Muirhead-Hostesses Maureen Rodger and Mima Black. Donna Elliott gave the vote of thanks. The next meeting is on Thursday 13th February. Speaker Moira Gemmell-Novelty cakes. Competitions-Points-Decorated digestive biscuit. Prize-An item beginning with K. £10 to be paid for guest night in March at this meeting. Afternoon whist is on Wednesday 19th February in church hall at 2.00. Phone Irene Couper (01560600520) or any committee member for tables or just come along-

Fenwick Church Guild

The Coffee Evening and Silent Auction was again a success enabling donations to be made to local and Guild Charities. A big thank you to those who helped in any way, and to those who came and bid for our items.

The Christmas Dinner was enjoyed by all the members who were able to attend. The next meeting on January 28th is Mr John Smillie with "Doon the Watter" unless we distract him again this year as he has so many interesting slides and information.

On 25th February Fiona Leitch is going to speak about the Marie Cure Charity.

Fenwick Bowling Club

The two December [whists](#) were held as normal. The afternoon one was held on the stormy day, resulting in fewer numbers. However a fun time was had by those attending and was finished off with tea and mince pies. The pink card winners were - 1st Marilyn Morton; consolation Anna Steel. White cards - 1st Moira Young; consolation Jean Murdoch.

There was a good attendance at the evening whist and vice president, Joe Davis, was card master. Jane McVey presented the prizes. The winners were - ladies 1st (equal) Jean Morton and Sylvia Macdonald; 3rd Anna Steel; consolation Margaret Connell. Gents 1st (equal) Douglas Wilson and A Andrew; 3rd Tom Paterson; consolation W Cuthbertson.

At the January afternoon whist , the pink card winner was Jane McVey and white card winner, Anna Steel.

At the evening whist, vice president Joe Davis was cardmaster and lady president, Jane McVey, presented the prizes and drew the raffle. Ladies winners - 1st Alice Goldie; 2nd Meggi Trainer; 3rd Enid McNab; consolation E Law. Gents - 1st Moira Young; 2nd Anna Steel; 3rd Margaret McWhirter; consolation A Andrew.

The February evening whist will be the annual event, held in Fenwick Church Hall. This is a catered whist and hostesses are only required to bring dishes. The date is Friday, 14th February at 7.30pm. Names for this should be given to Marilyn on 01560 600650, or any committee member, for catering purposes. A good support from members and friends is hoped for.

The evening whists at the clubhouse have been well attended this winter, but unfortunately not so the afternoon ones. The small band who do attend, have a good fun afternoon, a cup of tea and a chat. To make it worthwhile, more people are required, so anyone interested will be made very welcome. The February date is Thursday, 6th at 2pm.

On Sunday, 12th January, the annual Shanks Trophy competition was held in the Galleon Centre, when 54 members took part. Each team of triples played 3 games and the winners were Tom Barr, Elsie Dickie and Douglas Shanks. Runners-up were David Lamont, Anna Steel and Jim Steele. A tasty evening meal was enjoyed, then Margaret Shanks presented the winners with lovely engraved glass trophies and the runners-up with trays of fruit. Douglas thanked match secretary Tom for organising the event and Tom in turn thanked the Shanks family for their continued sponsorship.

WW1 in Fenwick - Lest We Forget

Judy Brodie from Queensland, Australia got in touch with us just before Christmas having read the information in the Covenantor on the Fenwick War Memorial. She shared with us the story and photographs of Gilbert Sloan Wilson her husband's Great-Grandfather.



Gilbert Sloan Wilson his Wife Jeannie and their daughter's Jeannie and Annie.

Gilbert was born on the 4th August, 1888 at 6 Mill Lane Kilmarnock Scotland, the son of Gilbert Sloan Wilson and Annie Stewart. Gilbert Sloan Wilson and Jeanie Strachan Young were married on the 21st Jun 1909 at Kilmarnock. Gilbert and Jeanie resided at Waterside Fenwick. Jeanie's parents and siblings and their families moved to Australia in 1911, Gilbert and Jeanie decided to follow them, but then Gilbert wanted to return to Scotland. Their first daughter Jeanie was born on the 15th Feb 1913 in Woonona NSW Australia, and their second daughter Annie Stewart Wilson was born on the 16th Aug 1915 back in Waterside Fenwick.

Gilbert was a Sergeant in the 11th Battalion, Royal Scots Fusiliers. He died on the 9th September 1918 (only two months before the end of the War) in Flanders, France where he is buried.

His wife Jeannie returned to Australia with the children. Annie Stewart Wilson the youngest daughter was married to Charles Mays, they only had the one daughter Valerie. When Valerie was 11 months of age, her mother Annie died from a Haemorrhage into left cerebral hemisphere at age 19. Val was brought up by her grandmother Jeannie, Gilbert's wife. Jeannie Wilson wife of Gilbert Sloan Wilson died in Auburn NSW aged 64 years on the 1st Feb 1954, 3 days after Valerie was married to Gordon Brodie.

Many thanks to Valerie Brodie and her daughter-in-law Judy Brodie for sharing this with us.

(Gilbert's parents were also Gilbert Sloan Wilson and Annie Stewart. When Annie, Gilbert's mother died Gilbert the father remarried a Janet Neil and they had 5 children. If any members of their families see this please get in touch - your cousins in Australia would love to hear from you)

Don't forget if you have some ideas on how Fenwick should commemorate the centenary of the First World War please let us know, you can call Susan on 01560 485439 or Janette on 01560 600540 or email wadsworth@btinternet.com



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The Balloonist

A woman in a hot air balloon realized she was lost. She reduced altitude and spotted a man below. She descended a bit more and shouted: 'Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend I would meet him an hour ago but I don't know where I am..'

The man below replied, 'You're in a hot air balloon hovering approximately 30 feet above the ground. You're between 40 and 41 degrees north latitude and between 59 and 60 degrees west longitude.'

'You must be an Engineer,' said the balloonist.

'I am,' replied the man, 'how did you know?' 'Well,' answered the balloonist, 'everything you have told me is probably technically correct, but I've no idea what to make of your information and the fact is, I'm still lost. Frankly, you've not been much help at all. If anything, you've delayed my trip by your talk.'

The man below responded, 'You must be in Management.'

'I am,' replied the balloonist, 'but how did you know?' 'Well,' said the man, 'you don't know where you are or where you're going. You have risen to where you are, due to a large quantity of hot air. You made a promise, which you've no idea how to keep, and you expect people beneath you to solve your problems. The fact is you are in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but now, somehow, it's all my fault . . . '

FENWICK COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN.

Following on from the very successful Open Day in October last year, the Steering Group has finalised the Five Year Action Plan, and the final document is at present at the printers.

Every household in the village will receive a copy of the Plan.

If you would like to know more about what is going to happen, or you would like to volunteer to take part in some of the proposed activities, you are invited to come along to a Launch Event. This is provisionally planned for March 2nd (2 – 4pm), but this is still to be confirmed. Watch out for the flier coming through your door!

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Mondays: 3 All	Small Main	2 – 3pm 9.30 – 11.30am	Hearing Aid Clinic Mothers & Toddlers
Tuesdays: All 11 18 25	Both Small/Upper Upper Small	3.30 – 8pm 7.30 – 10 pm 7.30 – 10pm 7 – 10pm	Creation Dance Co. Team Meetings Team Leaders Guild
Wednesdays: All All All 12 19	Main Main Main Both Both	10am – 12noon 3.15 – 6.15 pm 6.15 – 7.45 pm 12.15 – 5pm 12.15 – 5pm	Badminton Anne Coyle Dance Brownies Moscow WRI Whist Drive Fenwick WRI Whist Drive
Thursdays: All 6, 13 6 13 21	Main Main Small Main Small	9.30 – 11.30am 6.30 – 7.30pm 7.30 - 10pm 7.30 – 10pm 7.30 – 10pm	Mothers & Toddlers Tai Chi Class Fenwick WRI Committee Fenwick WRI Garden Club
Fridays: 7 14 21,28	Both Both Main	6 – 11pm 6 – 11pm 6.30 – 7.30pm	Fenwick Farmers Whist Drive Bowling Club Whist Drive Tai Chi Class
Saturdays: 1 8	Both Both	2 – 11pm 10am – 2pm	Community Group Burns Supper Children's Birthday Party

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Services & Events February 2014

Day	Date	Time	Scripture Base	Theme
	February			
Sun	02/02/14	10.30am	Matthew 5:1-12	Listening on the mount
Sun	09/02/14	10.30am	Matthew 5:13-20	Listening to the light
Sun	16/02/14	10.30am	Matthew 5:21-37	Listening to the past
Sun	23/02/14	10.30am	Matthew 5:38-48	Listening with awe
	March			
Sun	02/03/14	10.30am	Matthew 17:1-9	Listening to Him Church Family Celebration of Holy Communion

Notes:

- 1) **Children of all ages are catered for each Sunday** whether by learning zones, holiday fun club, creche, Junior church, YCam or All Age Worship services.
- 2) **Junior church** (playgroup to P7) and **YCam** (Youth) meet each week joining with the whole Church family for the first part of the service before going to their own learning zones or activity. YCam leave at a later point in the service.
- 3) The quoted scriptures are the Bible base for the week, readers should contact the Minister to obtain their readings for the week.

Parish Register January 2014

Funerals

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 8th Jan Margaret Ferrens, Braehead Road, Fenwick
 9th Jan Joyce Davidson, Fowlds View, Fenwick

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Beadles

February

2 A Patrick
9 J Shanks
16 W Muirhead
23 I Pirie

March

2 K Wadsworth

9 A Crosbie
16 W McNab
23 A Patrick
30 J Shanks

Bible Readings

February

2 Linda Young
Alistair Naismith
9 Irene Couper
Jim Shanks
16 Y CAM
Derek Mason
23 Pat Parkin
Mark Young

March

2 Martha Speirs
Kevin Wadsworth
9 Nora Shanks
Stirling Grant
16 Anne Naithsmith
David Barbour

Crèche

February

2 Martha Speirs
9 Joyce Dell-Robertson
16 Kerri Knox
23 Isobel Murray

March

2 Greta Morton
9 Nan Tivendale

Finance Team

February

M Wilson
T Geddes
D Mason

March

J Douglas

M Morton
F McKellar

Prayers

February

2 Sandy Scott
9 Mark Young
16 Nora Shanks
23 Gerry McGeever

March

2 Sharon Redmayne
9 Richard Roberts
16 Shona Crosbie
23 Geoff Redmayne
30 Stephanie Young

Welcome Team

February

A Crosbie
H Morton
P Parkin
E Muirhead

March

I Couper
R Davis
R Roberts
A Murray

Flowers

February

2 Mrs Mary Howie
9 Mr Alan Campbell
16 Mr Sandy Frew
23 Mrs Enid McNab

March

2 Miss Helen McFadzean
9 Mrs Anne Borthwick
16 Mrs Nan Tivendale
23 Mrs Edna Muirhead
30 Mrs Janice Bryson

Tea And Coffee After Service

February

2 Senga Loudon & ANother
9 Jean Bowes & Marilyn Morton
16 Rose Davis & Gillian Madden
23 Catherine McInnes & Moira Anderson

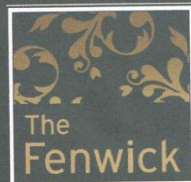
March

2 Alistair & Shona Crosbie

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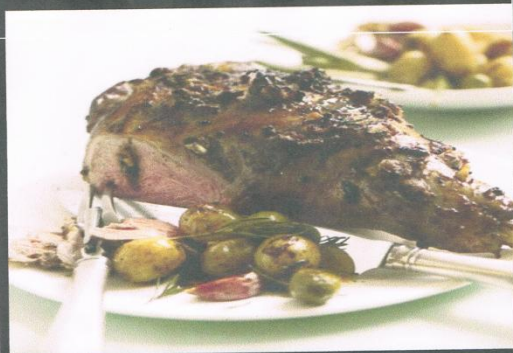
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